

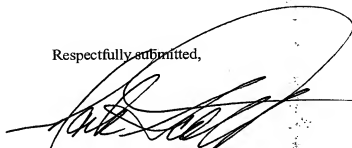
**REMARKS**

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, which alleges that the instant application contains claims directed to two independent and distinct groups. More specifically, the allegedly distinct and independent groups include: Group I, including claims 1-22; and Group II, including claims 23-28.

With this Response, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-22) without traverse.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769.

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